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## News From Our Local Churches - February



### News from Anil Henry in Mungeli India

The Southeast Conference takes great pride in the mission of Dr. Anil Henry, commissioned by Brookmeade Congregational UCC, Nashville and the Alabama-Tennessee Association as a medical missionary in India. Dr. Henry reports to us that he has had visitors from the United States, including Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, and Sharon Watkins, the General Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), along with their spouses and Cally Rogers-Witte the Executive Minister of Wider Church Ministries, a Covenanted Ministry of the UCC. They participated in the dedication of the oldest UCC church in Mungeli, recently renovated under the leadership of Dr. Henry. Anil sent us these links to stories of his ministry:

[http://www.gadisciples.org/Mission/Mungeli\\_2011.htm](http://www.gadisciples.org/Mission/Mungeli_2011.htm);

<http://revgregg.wordpress.com/>;

<http://meandmungeli.blogspot.com/>



### First Congregational UCC, Montgomery, Hosts Georgia Dignitary for Black History Month

First Congregational UCC, Montgomery celebrated Black History Month on February 13th by hosting Michael Thurmond, the Labor Commissioner for the State of Georgia. *Photo of Commissioner Thurmond left.*

### Pleasant Hill Community UCC Celebrates Ground Breaking as Long Anticipated Renovations Begin

The congregation of Pleasant Hill Community UCC gathered on January 30th for the long awaited grounding breaking for major renovations on their building. The building dates back to 1958. The Church Moderator, Jim Olds, Pastor Tom Warren, Conference Moderator Ginnie Nixon and the Expansion Committee Chair, Ted McKnight all participated in the ceremony. The church has expanded several times since its founding in 1885 as a church to serve the AMA school in Pleasant Hill. The renovations will accommodate a growing congregation and its mission. Pleasant Hill Community UCC has reached out in recent years as a progressive Christian voice on the Cumberland Plateau.



## UCC News

### UCC Newsroom

Headlines from the United Church of Christ

**N.Y. teen offers 'All-Star' efforts to Heifer International**

A 15-year-old member of St. Peter's UCC in West Seneca, N.Y., is singing and strumming up a storm for the popular mission-driven organization.

The church outgrew its modest sanctuary some years ago. [Click link](#) to read expansion story.



Photo of Pleasant Hill ground breaking right.



**Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta celebrates the 20th anniversary of Plymouth Harbor, a Safe Place for seniors and Respite for their Families**  
Twenty years ago, Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta, saw a need in its neighborhood to serve a growing aging population. The strain on families and on seniors led them to establish a program,

Plymouth Harbor, to meets these needs. Plymouth Harbor has provided a warm caring and stimulating environment for seniors three days a week. They provide counseling and social work as needed, social connections, activities and lunch for those who attend. Volunteers are an essential part of the program, providing transportation, and activities for the participants, including storytelling, music, and leading exercises. Plymouth Harbor provides needed respite for caregivers, and allows its participants to continue to live at home longer before having to move into assisted living facilities. For information about this program, or to volunteer call (404) 633-4506 Ext. 225.

Top left photo - Helen Frederick MSW (center) believes in a warm and stimulating environment. Bottom left photo - everyone find's friends at Plymouth. Bottom right photo - Jo Hamby with Mr. Milton Watson, Plymouth Harbor's oldest member at age 99.



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